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### **Graduation of the Columbus Division of Police 127th Recruit Class**

The Columbus Division of Police is proud to announce the graduation of the 127<sup>th</sup> recruit class. The ceremony will take place at the James G. Jackson Columbus Police Academy on Friday, July 7, 2017, at 10:00 am. The academy is located at 1000 N. Hague Avenue.

The class graduates thirty-one Columbus police officers, as well as fourteen officers from Dublin, Hilliard, Grove City, Upper Arlington, Gahanna, Westerville and for the first time The Ohio State University & Delaware. Two Columbus Division of Fire arson investigators also graduate.

The class of forty-seven men and women have spent the past 29 weeks learning the core values of the Division of Police, laws of the State of Ohio, ordinances of the City of Columbus, directives and policies of the Division of Police, and various skills and tactics they will use in their patrol assignments.

\*\*\*A few of the great stories with the 127<sup>th</sup> Recruit Class:

\*Recruit Jessie Smith, son of fallen SWAT Officer Steve Smith, will received his father's badge.

\*Recruit Geoffrey Kinzel's young son is this year's Columbus Division of Police Honor Guard honoree. Logan Kinzel recently won the battle against Medulloblastoma (brain cancer) and is in remission.

\*Recruit Gilbert Leffler graduates from his 2<sup>nd</sup> CPD Recruit Class. He graduated with the 78<sup>th</sup> class in 1991 and retired in 2003. Now, 3 weeks shy of 53 years old, he graduates with the 127<sup>th</sup>. Recruit Leffler holds the recruit record for the most consecutive pushups: 781! (with the 78<sup>th</sup>)

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